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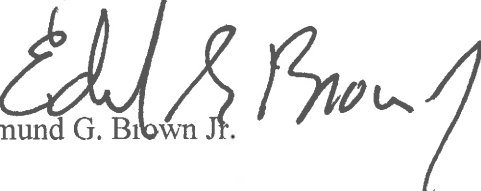
To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 860 without my signature.

This bill would allow the Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission to tour facilities that are providing mental health services to patients and are not open to the public.

Individual commission members can and do visit locked mental health facilities, jails, psychiatric hospitals, and schools to observe mental health care services firsthand. Creating an exception to the Bagley-Keene open meeting laws to allow an entourage of commissioners and press to visit these facilities is unnecessary and could disrupt treatment programs or compromise the privacy of those receiving services.

Sincerely,


Edmund G. Brown Jr.